



CDAA 2008 - 2009 Officers

Left to right – Shelly Sorensen, Kristy Borquez, Lois Parento, Ann Ekberg, and Georgie Vargas-Burket

President's Message

Lois Parento, CDA, RDA

I am addressing you, once again, as your CDAA President. Though it was not my original intention to run for office again, I am honored to continue in that capacity. As it turns out, your 2007 – 2008 officers all decided to continue in their respective offices. Your officers are as follows:

President - Lois Parento
Vice-President - Ann Ekberg
Secretary - Georgie Vargas-Burket
Treasurer - Shelly Sorensen
Editor - Kristy Borquez

We all look forward to serving our members for another year.

It is with great sadness that we must say good-bye to Judith Zann, CDAA Immediate Past President. After many years of serving on a local and state level, Judith and her family have decided to relocate to the Pacific Northwest, Portland, OR. She wants everyone to know that she is excited about the change, but sad to leave family, friends, and colleagues. It has been a pleasure to work with Judith and we wish her the best!

At our 2009 Annual Session we will now be electing both a president-elect and a president. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17-19th in or near the San Fernando Valley. As details are finalized they will be posted on the website.

There are still more changes to come for dental assistants in CA. Your association representatives work diligently to be sure our best interests are addressed. Things happen quickly in the legislative arena, so changes will be posted on the website as they occur.

I hope you like our new format for the Journal. In this time of technology we will strive to keep our communication with members as current as possible.

CDAA Goes Green!

Kristy S. Borquez - Editor

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At our last board meeting, it was determined that we would do our bit for the environment and begin sending a condensed version of the Journal. It will now be in more of a newsletter format.

Our goal is to get our members to utilize the CDAA website more and cut back on the amount of printing that we generate. If you wish to receive the Journal via email only, please email me with your request. Be sure to put CDAA Journal in the subject line.

Contact information for the officers, directors and committee chairs is on the web, as is information on legislative concerns in CA and upcoming continuing education courses sponsored by our local societies.

Don't wait - visit the website at:

cdaaweb.org

CDAA Annual Session Fresno, CA April 2008



Keynote speaker: Margie McNulty

In Memoriam

We say farewell to past leaders we have recently lost.

Hazel Torres

On March 29, 2008, at the age of 92, Hazel Torres passed away in Greenbrae, CA. Hazel was truly instrumental in the advancement of dental assisting in CA. She founded the dental assisting programs at Reedley College in Fresno and College of Marin in Kentfield. She is a former DANB Board Director and is one of the original authors of the text book, *Modern Dental Assisting*. She was the first dental assistant to serve on the Dental Board of CA as well as the first RDAEF in CA. In 1975-1976 she served as President of the ADAA. She was a true inspiration to dental assistants everywhere.

Vivian Wreden

On December 30, 2007, at the age of 88, Vivian Wreden passed away in San Francisco, CA. She was a life member of the ADAA and president of the San Francisco Dental Assistants Society in 1946.



Lois Parento with CDA President, Dr. Brian E. Scott



Judith Zann and Ann Ekberg



CDAA Past Presidents: Kristy Borquez, Ruby Roach, Georgie Vargas-Burket, Lois Parento, Diane Owen, Judith Zann, Shari Becker, Bernadette Brooks, Mary Gum



Joanna Clarke, Georgie Vargas-Burket, Evelyn Wilson



Ann Ekberg and Lois Parento



Vicki Silva, Shari Becker, Mary Gum, Kristy Borquez, Ruby Roach



12th District Trustee Report

Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA

ADAA Annual Conference

The date is October 16-19, 2008 and the place is San Antonio, Texas, home of the Alamo and the Riverwalk. For information on Texas travel call 1-800-8888-tex or go to www.traveltex.com. Our meeting is being held in conjunction with the ADA Annual Conference. If you have the opportunity to attend, there will be fun activities to partake in as well as CE courses and business meetings.

At this conference the BOT will be recommending a dues increase of \$5 for active members and \$10 for student members.

Education

The Fellowship/Mastership programs continue to grow. Remember, if you signed up for either program, you have 10 years to complete it, so be sure to finish before your expiration date. If you have questions, you can contact me or Santos Robles at srobles@adaa1.com. If you are interested in enrolling in either program, please contact ADAA central office for an application at (312) 541-1550 or (877) 874-3785.

Member Services

We now have another member benefit available to us – LifeLock, which prevents identity theft. ADAA members receive a 20% discount off the usual \$110. Call 1-800-LIFELock and use the promotion code “*your promo code*”.

The ADAA Toll Free number is now operational: (877) 874-3785.

ADAA Website

Continuing education is accessible on line and soon members will be able to change their information as well as pay dues on line.

If you have any suggestions, upcoming events, photos from special events, or anything your local would like to share, please contact Nancy at nrodriguez@adaa1.com. If you have a website for your local, contact Nancy to have a link placed on ADAA's site. Many of the standard forms will soon be added to the Website. Please check it out at www.dentalassistant.org.

ADAA Staff Changes

Long-time staff members, Doug and Barbara McDonough, have retired. Barbara worked for ADAA for 11 years. Doug has worked for ADAA for 18 years and he will remain on staff part-time for a few months. Michi Trota has joined the ADAA as new editor of the Journal and the newsletters.

Questions/Comments Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns: (909) 987-1862; mcpohl@earthlink.net

Legislative Update

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Current Legislation in CA

The new dental assisting Scope of Practice bill, AB2637, was introduced in February 2008. This bill removes the specialty categories that were to come into effect in 2010: Registered Restorative Assistant, Registered Orthodontic Assistant and Registered Surgical Assistant, and replaces them with two permit categories for Orthodontics and Dental Sedation. The RDA and RDAEF will stay in affect and licenciates can add one or both of the new permits. There are new duties being introduced to the licensed categories that may or may not require additional schooling.

The bill has to go through a few more committees, but should be on the Governor's desk to sign by September 2008. You can read the bill by visiting the following link:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_2637&sess=CUR&house=B&search_type=email

SB853

The Governor of CA recently signed SB853. This bill, effective July 1, 2009, will:

1. Dissolve COMDA and transfer its authority to the DBC
2. Place dental assisting under the DBC with a subcommittee to be appointed to deal with dental assisting issues
3. Replace COMDA with a Dental Hygiene Committee.

Here is a link to the bill:

http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_853&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen

For updated information on legislative issues in California concerning Dental Assisting, visit cdaaweb.org and click on Government Relations.

Committee on Dental Auxiliaries: comda.ca.gov

Dental Board of California: dbc.ca.gov

CDA Foundation Awards Dental Assisting Student Scholarships For Table Clinic Competition CDA Scientific Session - Anaheim 2008

The CDA Foundation's mission is to improve the oral health of all Californians by supporting the dental profession and its efforts to meet community needs. Supporting promising students is crucial to developing a competent workforce and, therefore the CDA Foundation is committed to sponsoring this scholarship at the CDA Scientific Session.

The CDA Foundation is proud to offer many different types of scholarships to support its mission. To learn more about the Foundation's scholarship program offerings, you can visit their website at cdfoundation.org or contact Jolene Murray at 800-232-7645 - Jolene.Murray@cda.org



The first place team (pictured above) was made up of four dental assisting students from Citrus Community College. Congratulations to the first place winning team:

Hayley Campbell Cindy Salazar Shannon Hewko Lorena Cairo

The competition's second place winning team was awarded a \$500 scholarship. The second place team was comprised of three dental assisting students from Hacienda La Puente Adult Education. Congratulations to the second place team:

Maria Ochoa Malinda Ruiz Jose Valencia

The competition's third place winner was awarded a \$250 scholarship. The third place winner was a solo competitor dental assisting student from the Hart District Regional Occupation Program. Congratulations to the third place winner:

Melissa Rodriguez



CDAA President, Lois Parento (left) is joined by one of her Reedley College Dental Assisting Program students, Ariel Torres (center), and Linda Brown (right), secretary for the San Fernando Valley Dental Assistants Society, while staffing the CDAA membership booth at the CDA Scientific Session this past May.

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